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SUBJ: BREZHNEV ATTENDANCE AT HSWP 11TH PARTY CONGRESS

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1. ITALIAN CHARGE MARCH 8 TOLD DCM THAT "HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL" HAD INTIMATED TO HIM THAT CPSU CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV WOULD ATTEND HSWP 11TH PARTY CONGRESS MARCH 17-21. JAPANESE CLAIM TO HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT BREZHNEV WILL MAKE IMPORTANT SPEECH MARCH 18. OTHERS (E.G. GERMANS, AUSTRIANS, ROMANIANS, GREEKS) ALSO BELIEVE BREZHNEV VISIT TO BUDAPEST FOR CONGRESS IS A CERTAINTY. SOME ALSO REPORT THAT LIKES OF GEIREK, HUSAK, ZHIVKOV WILL ATTEND BUT SAY THAT TITO, CEAUSESCU, AND HONECKER WILL NOT, THEIR PARTIES TO BE REPRESENTED BY LOWER CASE PARTY OFFICIALS. GREEKS CLAIM, HOWEVER, THAT CEAUSESCU AND HONECKER WILL DEFINITELY ATTEND.

2. WE HAVE PICKED UP SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM NON-

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DIPLOMATIC HUNGARIAN SOURCES, MAINLY PRESS, E.G.

REFTEL B. WE UNABLE TO SAY TO WHAT EXTENT THESE REPORTS OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO BUDAPEST FEED OFF ONE ANOTHER. HOWEVER, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN ALL OUR CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH HUNGARIAN SOURCES FORMULA IS IDENTICAL, I.E. WHILE THERE IS NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BREZHNEV IS COMING, NEITHER HAS THERE BEEN ANY DENIAL OF REPORTS THAT HE WILL. THIS FORMULA IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO TREATMENT OF QUESTION BY "HIGH FONOFF OFFICIAL" REFERRED TO IN PARA 1.

3. ON BALANCE, OUR HUNCH IS THAT THERE IS BETTER THAN EVER CHANCE BREZHNEV WILL ATTEND 11TH HSWP CONGRESS MARCH 17-21.

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